

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending in this application. Claims 1 - 20 are rejected. The specification and claim 8 have been amended. No new matter has been added. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Verbitsky for the interviews of July 24, 2007. During the interview, the Applicant discussed the relevant portions of the specification and the figures that support the present amendment to the specification. Examiner Verbitsky suggested an amendment to page 5 to clarify the salient portions of the specification that relate to the presently presented claims, which is found on page 2 of this response. Examiner Verbitsky also pointed to an oversight for claim 8, which is amended to conform to the other claims already presented.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 - 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The specification has been amended as described above. The rejection of claims 1 – 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112 is believed to be overcome and notice to that effect is requested.

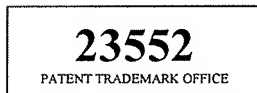
Allowable Subject Matter

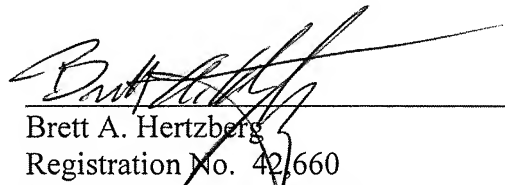
Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Verbitsky for the indication of claims 1 – 20 including allowable subject matter. Claim 8 has been amended to correct for a minor infelicity and the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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